GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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OUTSTANDING DUES OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Electricity Board and other major consumers of coal have not paid Coal India Limited for the coal lifted by them;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding overdues of Coal India Limited, consumer-wise, as on December 31,2006 and steps taken during the last three years to recover the outstanding dues;

(c) the effects alongwith the achievements made as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government has changed or is interested to make any change in the policy in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the problem of black-marketing and theft of coal by mafia?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): State Electricity Boards and other major consumers of coal have been paying Coal India Limited(CIL) for the coal lifted by them. However, there are some outstanding dues.

(b): The total sum outstanding of CIL as on 31.12.2006 amounts to Rs. 3380.98 crores. Details of such consumers are given at Annexure-I. Steps taken by the coal companies during the last three years to recover the outstanding dues are as follows:

i) As per provision in the Securitisation Scheme, coal companies are insisting on SEBs for opening IRLC for payment of bills raised against supply of coal. Some SEBs have already opened IRLC and the scheme is under operation successfully. Others are being persuaded.

ii) Securitisation Scheme has provision for regulation of supply, in case of non payment of bills during the period stipulated therein. In case of default in payment, coal companies are regulating supply of coal selectively.

iii) As per provision in the Securitisation Scheme, coal companies are claiming interest in case of delay in payment beyond the schedule specified in the scheme.

iv) coal companies are holding meeting periodically at different levels in case of any default in payment of bills and for settlement of disputes raised by SEBs and other consumers.

(c): As a result of the steps taken as mentioned above, the outstanding dues are showing reducing trend gradually. The total dues of CIL as on 31.12.2003 was 4724.35 crores which has comes down to Rs. 3380.98 as on 31.12.2006. Thus the reduction of dues amounting to Rs. 1342.37 crores has been achieved during the last three years.

(d)&(e): There is as such no proposal at this stage to amend the existing policy of recovery of the dues.

(f): The Government and the coal companies have taken the following steps to deal with the problem of black marketing and theft of coal by the coal mafia:

1) Specific complaints regarding pilferage of coal are investigated by the Vigilance Wings of CIL and its subsidiaries. Where outside parties are allegedly involved, the CBI is also asked to investigate the allegations.

2) Governments of Coal bearing states have been requested to take steps to prevent illegal mining in their areas.

3) Law and order is a state subject, and with support of local state authorities, the coal companies are addressing the issue of pilferage of coal.

4) The following steps are also being taken to prevent the theft/pilferage of coal:-

i) Collection of intelligence report about illegal coal depots and illegal movement of coal and informing district authorities of the same for taking preventive action.

ii) Installation of check-posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.

iii) Construction of watch-towers and providing lighting arrangements around the coal stacking area.

iv) Erection of barbed-wire/wall fencing around pithead depots, static security manning including deployment of armed guards during the night hours.

v) Escorting of loaded rakes upto railways weighbridges by armed guards and point patrolling with Railways Protection Force (RPF) along the railway tracks, which are prone to wagon looting.

vi) Sealing of illegal mining spots.

vii) Stringent action against transport vehicles caught in the act of theft or pilferage.

viii) Engagement of lady security guards for preventing women and children indulging in theft/pilferage of coal, strengthening of the security discipline by reassessing the requirement of security personnel, horizontal movement of executive with aptitude of security work and induct qualified security personnel at junior, middle and senior levels.

ix) Training of existing security personnel, refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training to new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security setup.

Annexure-I

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Consumers	Dues
POWER		
1.	Bihar Sate Electricity Board (BSES)	196.58
2.	Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB)	82.77
3.	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited. (UPRVUNL)	93.40
4.	Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB)	244.89
5.	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board TNEB	15.57
6.	Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL)	25.17
7	Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL)	99.04
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB)	151.45
9.	Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB)	385.43
10.	Chhattisgarh Electricity Board (CSEB)	52.72
11.	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)	8.41
12.	West Bengal State Electricity Board (WBSEB)	1.29
13.	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL)	133.90
14.	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGENCO)	8.06
15.	Karnataka Power Company Limited (KPCL)	12.62
16.	Durgapur Project Limited (DPL)	21.32
17.	Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)	179.84
18.	Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB)	3.85
19.	Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS)	334.48
20.	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	357.64
21.	Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO)	1.34
22.	Calcatta Electrict Supply Company (CESC)	5.59
23.	Ahmedabad Electricity Corporation(AEC)	2.46
24.	Bombay Suburban Electric Company(BSES)	1.47
25.	Disergarh Power Station Company (DPSC)	2.61

26. Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (TVNL)	103.64
27. Orissa Power Generation Corporation (OPGC)	4.39
Total Power	2529.93

STEEL

28. Durgapur Steel Plant	132.22
29. Rourkela Steel Plant	164.65
30. Bokaro Steel Plant	145.79
31. Bhilai Steel Plant (BOKARO)	276.47
32. IISCO Steel Plant	11.66
33. Indian Iron Steel Company	26.12
34. Tata Iron Steel Company	0.99
35. Rashtrya Ispat Nigam (VIZAG)	46.08
TOTAL STEEL	803.98
36. LOCO	4.80
37. GOVT.	42.27
TOTAL OTHERS	47.07
GRAND TOTAL	3380.98